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SUBJE: RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

REF: CHESHES-LEE TELCON 3/20/78

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REF TELCON FOR USE  
IN PREPARING SUBMISSION TO LONG SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. BOURNE ESTIMATE OF 200 ARRESTS IN COLOMBIA SINCE HIS VISIT  
IS UNDOUBTEDLY MODEST. GOC LISTS 1,262 NARCOTICS RELATED  
ARRESTS DURING 1977. NAMES AND DATES NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE,  
AND MAY BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. PLEASE ADVISE IF THEY ARE STILL  
DESIRED. AS BOURNE VISIT TOOK PLACE IN MID-YEAR, IS IS REASON-  
ABLE TO ASSUME APPROXIMATELY HALF OF 1977 ARRESTS TOOK PLACE  
FOLLOWING HIS VISIT.

3. MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS INITIATED DURING BOURNE/FALCO VISIT:  
A. IMPROVEMENT OF ATTITUDE TOWARD COOPERATION IN ANTI-  
NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOC AND CORRESPONDING  
EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT.

B. DEADLOCK IN NEGOTIATIONS ON CREATION OF AIR SUPPORT  
UNIT WAS BROKEN, RESULTING IN DELIVERY OF THREE HELICOPTERS  
TO COLOMBIA IN SEPTEMBER. HELICOPTERS CONSTITUTE LARGEST  
AND MOST VISIBLE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN  
COLOMBIA. HELICOPTERS MADE POSSIBLE TWO RAIDS THAT ALONE  
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RESULTED IN SEIZURES OF 432 KILOS OF COCAINE AND 165 TONS  
OF MARIJUANA.

C. LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED IN GOC CONGRESS AIMED  
AT CENTRALIZING ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S  
OFFICE. WHEN BILL DID NOT RECEIVE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL  
PRIOR TO CONGRESSIONAL ADJOURNMENT, PRESIDENT LOPEZ  
ISSUED DECREE ACCOMPLISHING BASIC PURPOSE OF DRAFT LEGIS-

LATION. THIS IS MOST PROGRESSIVE INNOVATION IN COLOMBIAN  
NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN RECENT YEARS.

4. COMPLETE FIGURES ON NARCOTICS SEIZURES FOR CALENDAR  
1977 AND PARTIAL REPEAT PART 82: 42978 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1977/1978

MARIJUANA 206,912.92 KILOS 227,353 KILOS

(PLUS 41 HECTARES OF MARIJUANA PLANTS DESTROYED IN 1977)

COCAINE 718.603 KILOS 20.278 KILOS

COCAINE LABS 22 LABS 2 LABS

5. COLOMBIAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS (IN ADDITION TO THOSE  
LISTED IN PARA 3 ABOVE):

A. FIRST 30 PERSONS HAVE BEEN NAMED TO ATTORNEY  
GENERAL'S NARCOTICS UNIT. CALIBER OF PERSONNEL THUS FAR  
NAMED IS ENCOURAGING. OPERATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EX-  
TENDED TO CALI.

B. COLOMBIAN CUSTOMS IS LAYING PLANS FOR CLOSE  
COOPERATION WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL'S UNIT AND HAS ALREADY  
BEGUN REFURBISHING OF BOATS FOR COAST GUARD TYPE OPERATIONS,  
A NECESSARY COMPONENT IN INTERDICTING TRAFFICKING THROUGH  
AND FROM THE COUNTRY.

C. BOTH MAJOR PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS HAVE ASSURED  
AMBASSADOR OF THEIR FULL SUPPORT OF NARCOTICS PROGRAM.  
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